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17 Legislators Attend Opening of Rocky Point-Arizona Trade and Tourism Office

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Tony Rivero (R-21), chairman of the House State and International Affairs Committee, and 16 other legislators attended the opening of the Rocky Point-Arizona Trade and Tourism Office today in Puerto Peñasco, Sonora.

"It was an honor to join Mayor Munro last year in announcing the creation of the Rocky Point-Arizona Trade and Tourism Office," said Representative Rivero. "Today's grand opening of this office will ensure that Arizonans feel safe and welcome while visiting Rocky Point and that Sonorans enjoy the economic benefits of increased tourism. It's another winwin for the Arizona-Sonora partnership."

"Puerto Peñasco, Sonora (Rocky Point) has been a crucial partner to the success of trade and tourism with the State of Arizona," said Representative Chávez (D-29). "Mayor Munro's willingness to extend that relationship with the inauguration of a trade office allows us to build on that connection. I look forward to continued efforts with the city and our state."

"It is an unprecedented step in international relationships for a state government from the U.S. to open a liaison office to address the needs of its citizens in a city, not in another state but rather in a foreign country," said Kiko Munro, Mayor of Puerto Peñasco.

"The Rocky Point-Arizona Trade and Tourism Office will focus on projects that benefit both Rocky Point and Arizona in areas such as tourism, trade, culture, education, and sports," said Alan Renteria, Trade and Tourism Office Coordinator.

This week's announcement follows an agreement in December of last year between Arizona Governor Doug Ducey and Sonora Governor Claudia Pavlovich in December to create a <u>safety corridor along Mexico's Federal 8 highway</u>, which Arizonans use to travel to Rocky Point.

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